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For: METHOD FOR SEQUENCING NUCLEIC

ACIDS BY OBSERVING THE UPTAKE OF NUCLEOTIDES MODIFIED WITH BULKY

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.